

PRESS RELEASE

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**RE: UNITED STATES of AMERICA v. CARTER WILLIAM WARREN
and SIMON LIU**

United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn announced today that Carter William Warren and Simon Liu pled guilty before U.S. District Judge John T. Elfvin to felony charges of alien smuggling.

Assistant United States Attorney Gregory L. Brown said that the pair was first arrested on October 17, 2005, by officers of the United States Border Patrol at Gratwick Park in North Tonawanda, New York. Warren, who is from Welland, Ontario, was first observed transporting five Chinese nationals across the Niagara River to Gratwick Park aboard an outboard motor boat. He was arrested after soon dropping off the five aliens at the park and directing them to a waiting pickup van driven by Liu.

Liu, who is a naturalized U.S. citizen of Chinese descent, living in the Detroit, Michigan area, had intended to transport the aliens to the Chinatown area of New York City, where they were expected to join family and friends. The arrest followed a stakeout of the Gratwick Park area by U.S. Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers following earlier citizen complaints of suspicious boating activity in the area. In addition to pleading guilty on the alien smuggling charge, Warren's outboard

motor craft was also forfeited to the government. Both men are awaiting sentence on September 15, 2006.

Today's guilty plea was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter J. Smith, and the United States Border Patrol, under the direction of Peter Moran, Chief Patrol Officer.